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COMMUNITY RELATIONS ADVISORY BOARD REPORT TO CITY COUNCIL

SUBJECT: Smoking at Roosevelt Center

BACKGROUND: At the Regular City Council Meeting on November 22, 2010, Council requested that this matter be referred to CRAB.

CRAB met on April 12, 2011 and May 24, 2011 to discuss and consider this referral. The Board discussed the challenges of creating a policy that was fair to all (smokers, non-smokers, merchants, employees, etc). The difficulty of enforcing a no smoking policy was also discussed.

The Board recognized the negative impacts on non-smokers who are sitting/eating in Roosevelt Center. It was also noted that employees of Roosevelt Center merchants may need a place to smoke. The Board stressed the need to designate a smoking area if smoking is prohibited, and also allow for smokers who were simply passing through Roosevelt Center.

RECOMMENDATION: CRAB recommends that smoking be prohibited in the Roosevelt Center Mall (the rectangular area where the benches and tables are located). This prohibition would not apply to the sidewalks along Centerway or the sidewalks leading to/from the Roosevelt Center parking lots.

CRAB also recommends that the City make provisions for a designated smoking area nearby with appropriate receptacles. The benches near the underpass were suggested as a possible location for this smoking area.

Respectfully Submitted

Rick Ransom, Chair
Community Relations Advisory Board